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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed on April 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application and in accordance with Rule 116 of the rules of practice, please enter and consider the following remarks intended to demonstrate that the claims are in form for allowance and/or reduce the issue on appeal. Applicant submits concurrently herewith: 1) Amendment Fee Transmittal, accompanied by the appropriate fee; 2) Petition for Extension of Time for a period of one month from July 7, 2003 up to and including August 7, 2003, accompanied by the appropriate fee; and 3) Notice of Appeal, accompanied by the appropriate fee.